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Please be advised that we have now received the filing particulars for the priority document relating to this application. They are as follows:

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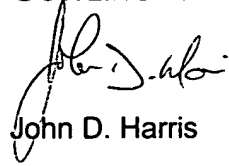
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